



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Sumter 17 School District
Grades: PK-12 **Enrollment: 8,688**
Superintendent: Zona Jefferson, PhD
Board Chair: Ms. Jo R. White

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	NI
2007	Average	Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	8	18	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Districts with Students like Ours are Districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PACT

PACT	2008 Reading % Basic and above	2008 Math % Basic and above	2008 Science % Basic and above	2008 Social Studies % Basic and above
District	73.8%	72.1%	67.5%	67.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.9%	71.5%	61.5%	65.3%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Math % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Science % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Social Studies % Proficient & Advanced
District	31.3%	26.7%	30.7%	28.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	31.0%	29.1%	29.4%	27.7%
Average District	37.6%	35.1%	36.4%	34.7%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtests (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	73.8%	15.1%	11.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.1%	11.3%	10.6%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	92.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.1%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	53.4%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.7%

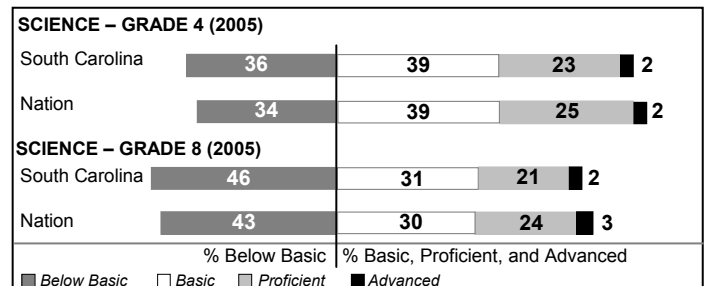
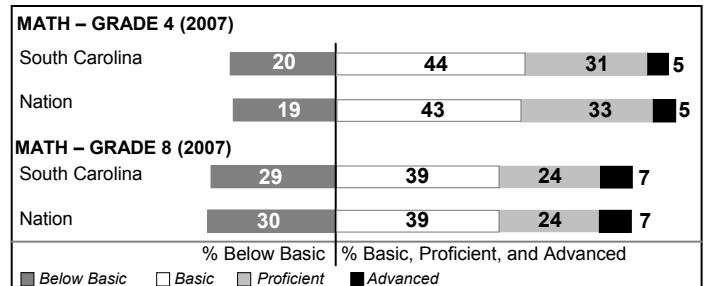
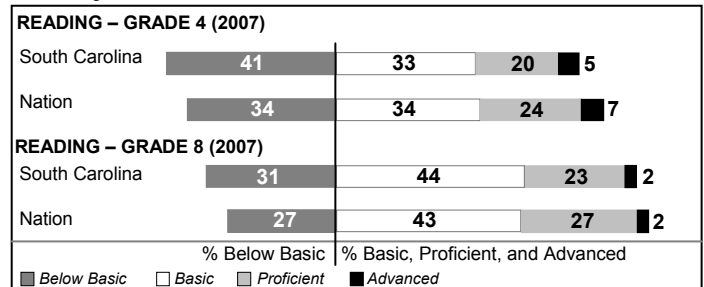
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	78.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.1%

** Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
 NI Newly Identified CDI Continuing District Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY District Improvement Status HOLD District Improvement Status

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=8,688)				
Retention rate	5.6%	Up from 5.5%	4.5%	4.0%
Attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.4%	95.6%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	11.6%	Down from 11.8%	11.7%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	11.5%	Up from 10.8%	11.4%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Down from 1.1%	0.8%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	8.2%	Down from 11.3%	9.5%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	78.6%	N/A	50.0%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	30.1%	Up from 29.7%	30.0%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	82	Down from 83	46	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	78	Down from 79	27	27
Annual dropout rate	2.7%	Up from 2.2%	3.2%	3.8%
Teachers (n=626)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	53.4%	Down from 53.8%	54.8%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	72.0%	Down from 81.1%	77.4%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	11.7%	Up from 6.9%	3.8%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.5%	Down from 89.2%	88.8%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	93.5%	Down from 94.8%	94.7%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$43,787	Up 3.4%	\$44,798	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.3%	Down from 1.5%	0.8%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.7%	Down from 5.0%	2.1%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	8.0	Up from 5.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.6 to 1	Up from 19.7 to 1	19.4 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	87.1%	Down from 89.1%	88.7%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,108	Up 2.6%	\$8,635	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	54.5%	Down from 54.8%	53.7%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	58.3%	Up from 58.2%	57.2%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	12	Up from 11	10	9
Portable classrooms	0.4%	No Change	2.3%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	27 Years	No Change	27 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	12.0	Up from 11.0	9.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$69,428	Up 3.8%	\$75,712	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	71.0%		70.0%	69.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Sumter School District 17 includes 7 elementary schools, four middle schools, one high school, an alternative learning center, and the Early Head Start program. In addition, our district offers choice opportunities, which include the Magnet School for the Fine Arts and Technology, the Science Connections Magnet School, the Sixth Grade Oaks Academy, the School for Inquiry, and the IB Middle Years Programme.

This year, our schools and educators were recognized at the national and state levels for helping to change the lives of children. The Director of Sumter High School's award winning choral program won the prestigious Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award and its accompanying financial prize of \$25,000. Eleven teachers in Sumter School District 17 achieved National Board Certification. Sumter High School Class of 2008 earned over \$7.8 million in merit-based scholarships, including 2 Robert C. Byrd Scholarship winners, 20 Palmetto Fellows, one National Achievement Scholarship winner and three finalists, one National Merit finalist, and two students with 12 years of perfect attendance. In addition, 28 of our middle school students were named South Carolina Junior Scholars, Croswell Drive Elementary earned the Palmetto Silver Award, and Alice Drive Elementary was named a Red Carpet School. The quality of our academic programs continues to attract newcomers to the Sumter community, as well as experienced and accomplished teachers and administrators.

District 17 continues to expand initiatives to help improve test scores across the district by building upon our areas of success and working as a team to improve our educational challenges. In an effort to improve test scores and continue making gains, the district utilizes the MAP and Classworks programs, strong literacy initiatives, math institutes, after school programs, and extensive professional development opportunities.

Sumter School District 17 has a long history of success that will continue to be a source of pride for our community. Only with the support of parents, elected officials, business leaders, entrepreneurs, volunteers, faith-based groups, and others have we been able to accomplish so much. We thank you for your continued support.

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